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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated May 30, 2003 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before August 30, 2003. August 30, 2003 falls on the Labor Day weekend, making this response timely filed on September 2, 2003.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.